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Eisenhower, West Two of Only 11 Statewide Public High Schools to Earn AP School Honor Roll Gold Level Recognition

New Berlin - New Berlin Eisenhower and West were two of just 11 traditional Wisconsin public high schools to earn Gold level Advanced Placement School Honor Roll recognition, the AP program announced.

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and optimizing college readiness.

Of the 422 qualifying schools in Wisconsin, only 4 percent earned the Gold level recognition. Eisenhower and West are two of only four Waukesha County high schools to achieve that mark, along with Brookfield Central and Brookfield East. Other traditional public high schools to earn the distinction were Cedarburg, Franklin, Grafton, Homestead, New Glarus, Waunakee and Whitefish Bay. Gibraltar was the only traditional public high school to reach the Platinum level.

"Our school district's focus continues to be providing educational opportunities to our students that prepare them for college, careers and life," Superintendent Joe Garza said. "This recognition is a testament to our commitment to prepare those students with college aspirations by allowing them to engage with college-level work and earn college credit at a scale that only few districts can both attain and sustain."

Research shows students who take AP courses and exams are more likely to attend college and graduate on time. The students who enter four-year colleges with credit from AP accelerate their path to graduation and build confidence for college success. And even for those who don't earn college credit, AP coursework provides early exposure to college-level work and contributes to a college-going school culture.

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